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## TOWN TALK.

Yesterday was change day with the police force.

The county received over \$5,000 taxes on Saturday.

The Millard murder trial will cost Ionia county over \$5,000.

The mail carriers are to have a grand benefit ball in February.

Thatcher, Primrose and West's Minstrels at Powers's to-night.

Coasters were numerous on Fountain street Saturday night.

One lodger was accommodated last night at police headquarters.

James Howell, driver of the patrol wagon, is slowly recovering from his sprained ankle.

The City Missionary Society received a Xmas present of \$239.25, in contributions from \$1 to \$10.

The Oakhurst Tennis club will give a German at the residence of Mrs. Granger, on Jefferson avenue, to-night.

The front door of Heyman & Son's store, No. 48 Canal street, was found open last night, and locked by Officer Price.

A lady's hat feather was found on Monroe street last evening. The owner can have it by calling at THE MORNING TELEGRAM office.

The regular meeting of the Sons of St. George will be held at the Good Templars Hall, in Lovett's block, at 8 o'clock this evening.

A girl named Annie Raher was found on the streets by the police yesterday—homeless and hungry. Supt. Perry took her to St. Mark's home.

The weather, after playing a game of "freeze out" for several days, has concluded to give a January "thaw" in anticipation of a New Year's call.

Deputy Sheriff Platte goes to Detroit to-day with Mrs. Lang and daughter, the shop-lifters, who will serve a year and a half in the House of Correction.

Want of proper drainage turned a stream of water last night into the basement under the City National Bank. The police cut a drain and stopped the damage being done.

If the people who attend the Unitarian services have all resolved to become regular members of that denomination the new church building will have none too much seating capacity.

Seven prisoners were released from the Ionia prison on Saturday and landed in this city gloriously drunk. One of them fell from the train when alighting, seriously cutting his face.

Dr. Ross's drug store, on West Fulton street, was robbed on Friday night of 500 cigars, a quantity of liquor and perfumery, amounting in value to about \$40. The thieves got their plunder by breaking a glass in the front window.

The Southern lumbermen who visited Michigan last winter upon invitation of the G. K. & L. Railroad, will come again upon invitation of the lumbermen of Grand Rapids, Big Rapids, Cadillac and other towns on the line of the G. K. & L.

A boy named Stocking, the son of respectable parents, with a monstrous development of the freckles so characteristic of youth, for some unaccountable reason, was allowed to insult some of the people who attended the services in the Opera House last evening.

A house on Pine street, owned by a man named Livingston, was entered by burglars on Saturday night and a quantity of ladies' and gents' underwear taken. There was some silverware in the house which was untouched. There was no one in the house at the time.

Madden, Sligh and Jennings, who are in custody on the suspicion of robbing Israel Smith, of Grandville, were arraigned before Justice Westfall, Saturday, and examination waived until to-morrow. Mr. Smith was in the city in the afternoon and pointed out the three men, named above as his assailants from among several other prisoners.

A tired specimen of Ethiopian humanity, hailing originally from the "tar-heel" state, was catching a slippery living yesterday on the sidewalks and in the lobbies of the hotels, by proposing to "sharpen your knife" or "tell your fortune" or "tell your future." Though swarming of the sunny South to a degree that the frosts of Michigan had not yet eradicated, his sunburnt-potato-skin color, indicated that he too felt the influence of the depressed thermometer.

## PERSONAL.

Hon. Julius Houseman, returns to Washington the latter part of the week, and expects to remain until the close of the session in March.

Rev. Henry Powers leaves this morning for his home in the East where he will spend New Year with his family. He hopes to bring Mrs. Powers back with him if her health will permit.

The Allegan Gazette says: "The new year will find John Weigmink a proud and prancing husband, as the Grand Rapids girl of his choice will in the dying hours of the old year face John at the altar and take him for better with no worse about it."

## LOST HIS REASON.

A Young Man Whom it has Been Necessary to Arrest.

A young man aged about 20 years, named Wilbur F. Royce, has been noticed of late to act strangely if not irrationally. At first his actions were rather considered by his parents and relatives as an eccentricity, and little attention was paid to him. His actions during the last week assumed a more violent shape and indicated that he was insane. He lived with his mother on East Fulton street, and yesterday his malady became so serious as to threaten violence to those about him. The police were informed, and Sergeant Walsh and a couple of patrolmen responded with the patrol wagon and conveyed the young man to the jail. A TELEGRAM reporter visited the latter institution last evening and found the young man to be decidedly off, judging from the constant talking he kept up. No one was allowed to see him, but he could be heard all over the jail. He frequently alluded to religion, and his particular hobby was that he was possessed of a supernatural power. He had been talking for two or three hours and threatened to keep it up all night. His misfortune is doubtless attributable to mental over-work. He was especially restless in matters of religion, and it is said was interested in a Sunday school in the capacity of teacher. Judging from his ravings the latter subject has principally influenced the overworking of his mind. He was employed as a clerk in Eaton, Lynt & Allen's book store.

The number of marine infantry in Germany is about to be reduced, owing to the inauguration of the active colonial policy.

## SOME OBSERVATIONS

BY A PERIPATETIC OBSERVER

At the Theatre, About the Festivities of the Holiday Season and Various Other Matters.

The Observer had a merry Christmas, with a liberal share of remembrances in the way of presents, a sleigh ride in the afternoon, and the theatre in the evening. While in the theatre he entered into a sort of comparative analysis of what he saw, and wondered. The largest audience he ever saw in Powers's Opera House, the best orchestra he ever heard in any place of amusement, barring the orchestras in "Her Majesty's Opera" and the Alhambra London and the Academy of Music, New York, and considering language and plot it was one of the worst plays he ever saw; not the worst, mind you, but one of the worst, and so he pondered and wondered more, as he gazed upon the parquette, then the dress circle and two galleries above and saw them jammed with humanity, many of whom were obliged to stand up. Where did they all come from? The regular theatre-goers of the city were not there. It was a holiday crowd, a class of people who hardly ever go to the theatre unless it is a legal holiday. The Peripatetic was not the only individual who could not elucidate the enigma, for the manager of the theatre himself was puzzled. With a retrospective glance at the many meritorious attractions that have played here since the commencement of the present season, to slim business, it is impossible to explain the spasmodic rush for the theatre Christmas night, particularly when the fact is considered that it was a day peculiarly notable for family gatherings and reunions, decidedly social and a day when the head of the family and all belong to it feel it intuitively a sacred obligation almost, to remain at the fireside. An equally large audience will probably be at the theatre to-night, but the parquette will reveal the faces of a good majority of the intelligent and regular patrons of the drama.

The Observer must allude to Christmas again, but only as a prelude to refer to an incident which took place in a Monroe street barber-shop on that day. In referring to the barber-shop, the peripatetic crink has noticed that one of the most eminent and widely known journalists in the city has ignored his barber for the past few weeks, and is able "to part the whiskers." Though a giant in his peculiar field of thought, it is sincerely hoped that the hirsute appendage will be the means of adding Samsonian vigor, to his present pursuit. To cease dressing, a porter in a Monroe street barber-shop placed a contribution box on the cigar-case situated in said shop, indicating that the donations were for himself alone. The first man to contribute was the proprietor who shoved a five-dollar bill into the box—but there was a string tied to it, and every customer that entered the shop grasped at it, held it momentarily, then recoiled as if there was a galvanic battery at the end of it. In other words every patron was charged fifteen cents for a shave, and as it is estimated that over one hundred persons submitted themselves to a scraping, the generous (?) proprietor got back his five dollars, through the extra five cents, with twenty-five or fifty cents net profit. Had the genial Teuton placed another box with the understanding that it was to be for his own benefit the Peripatetic would not have been so observing.

The rich have been especially noticed during the past three days, but where have been the poor? Monroe and Canal streets have been thronged with well-dressed ladies and men and double sleighs and cutters until the occupation of earnestly watching the crowd and listening to the constant jingling of the different toned sleigh bells drives one's optic faculties almost into a delirium. But the thoughts of the poor, while viewing these seal-skin saques and happy contented faces, has not been dissipated. Some of them are hungry, without sufficient clothing, possibly sick, with emaciated-faced children who have not nourishment enough to ossify the cartilage in their infant bodies into the standard assignment of bone. This is no myth; for many a child and many a father and mother right here in the city of Grand Rapids did not have a merry Christmas. Even to some, a stick of wood would have strengthened their faith in the sentiment expressed by the greatest man the world has yet produced "one touch of nature makes the world kin;" yet the case of destitution discovered in the northern part of the city by a prominent wholesale merchant baffles the imagination of the boldest idealist, and it is fair to presume that this is but an index to a good deal more suffering and destitution; if only efforts were made to trace its whereabouts. And the benevolent gentleman who discovered the case above noted, and relieved their wants, by stopping up the cracks in their humble dwelling and who warmed their stomachs with food and their bodies with fuel, will, according to the Peripatetic's idea, go to a resort where icebergs and frosts are strangers and as improbable as the three Colonels getting a slice of the Democratic spoils or Chancellor White enduring a forty days' fast. The thought suggested itself that if every charitable disposed person in this city who has dollars to contribute for church benefits and foreign missionaries would donate it to the relief of the suffering among poor people, who will have a hard road to travel this winter, the benefactor would find himself rewarded in a realization of the fact that it is much better to give than to receive.

Let no man in this city who has means to spare, even qualifying it without sacrifice of the remotest kind, let a poor man suffer as far as his humble donation will form part of an aggregate to avert it.

Anticipating in the Law and Order League what promised to be a usurpation of their authority and duty, the police department has of late been keeping their eyes peeled for violators of the liquor law. Some arrests for this offense were made last week, and some citizens had on them that the spirit of the Order League had something to do with it. The police heard this and as soon as it was ascertained that it was a mere groundless rumor, and the credit placed where it belonged, the police force have always rendered

excellent service, and so long as they are respectful and recognize that citizens have the right to express what they think right, in a respectful manner, and show no partiality in recognizing violations of the law and ordinances the peripatetic spotter, will use them gently, unless in their actions convince him that they deserve otherwise.

A musician stated yesterday that the Sunday night concerts did not pay as well as they might. The music has been most excellent, and if one would listen to it thoughtfully and try to catch the sentiment he would find his mind alive with thought, both reverent and possibly supernatural. There is more sacred feeling in those little dots called notes when arranged in the score called music than can be got out of dry philosophy or the subjects, the weekly repetition of which has high worn out their welcome in the mind. The concerts cater to a respectable, intelligent, liberal-minded class of the community, whose creed is the golden rule and who believe that good deeds should be recognized and virtue receive its reward, in other words, many of them are non-church-goers. The peripatetic must confess that good music inspires his thought and soul with as much reverence in feeling and has practically as good influence over his spiritual ideas as a sermon, and that he receives a benefit thereby, both moral and spiritual.

## A Grand Rapids Man Assigns.

Rier N. Goodsell, formerly a resident here, now of New Buffalo, Dak., has made a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The assignee is Mr. P. A. Johnson, of Fargo, Dak. Mr. Goodsell is at the present time a member of the firm of McIntyre & Goodsell, pianoforte manufacturers of this city, but it is understood that this interest is held by creditors in the city as collateral. He owns a wheat farm near New Buffalo comprising two whole sections of land, and his residence for some time has been on the farm. He has, it is believed, invested between forty and fifty thousand dollars in this farm, and his failure is doubtless attributable to the low price of wheat. He has some creditors in this city. The principal one is the Old National Bank, which has a claim of \$5,185, and for security has attached Mr. Goodsell's farm of 267 acres in Vergennes valued at \$12,000. The assets and liabilities can not now be definitely ascertained.

A Paris dispatch says it is intended to instantly release Louise Michel, the Communist, from prison and grant her a free pardon. She is in a dying condition.

## Slaughter Sale at Winegar's.

The great overcoat sales among the clothing men has started Winegar on the war-path, and to-day begins a slaughter sale in ladies hand bags, photograph and autograph albums and scrap books. Bottom prices have not only been reached, but the bottom has fallen out completely. Note the tremendous reductions. Silk plush photo albums at \$1.25, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.10, \$3.75. Same goods sold last week at \$2.00, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$5 and \$6.

Genuine Morocco albums \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3 \$3.40 and \$4.

Leatherette albums 25 cents to \$1.

Ladies hand bags, in plush, morocco and alligator, will be found way down in price, from 25 cents to \$2.49.

Autograph albums and scrap books have met the same fate, and are marked at figures to sell at sight. This a rare opportunity to buy these goods very cheap, and no time should be lost in taking advantage of it. For decided bargains go to Winegar's, in Porter block.

## The Best New Year's Gift.

No more useful and acceptable present can be selected than a Domestic Sewing Machine, which leads all others. Office, 98 Monroe street.

The finest assortment of Cutters in the city at A. R. Antisdel's.

## Piano to be Given Away.

It has been stated by certain competitors through advertisements and in conversation with people that the Sohmer piano is a "second-class" and an "inferior" instrument. In order to give them a chance to substantiate these statements publicly I will make the following offer:

If these parties will bring competent authority and proof that the Sohmer is not a "first-class" piano in tone, action, material, workmanship and durability—in fact in every respect—I will give the finest piano at my store to a worthy musical society of this city free of charge.

This offer I will hold open for the next thirty days.

In the meantime I invite the public to call at my store to examine the Sohmer, which is the standard of excellence.

PAUL W. FRIEDRICH,  
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## Sixteen Years

of experience has convinced me that when a person is troubled with a cough of cold that he must not use a remedy that by the use makes him cough. Steketee's Cough Cure is the only remedy that provides against this; it acts as a physic; it does not gripe; it is the largest bottle for the price. Ask your druggist for Steketee's Cough Cure.

## Kimball's Piano House.

Don't forget that Kimball's is the place to get your Pianos and Organs. Hallett Davis and the world-renowned Emerson Pianos, and the "Organ of the day" are to be found at Kimball's, Redmond's Opera House Block, 115 Canal street.

E. F. GREENWOOD, Manager.

Dining room parlors now open over the Grand Union Cafe.

For a Cutter, buy of A. R. Antisdel.

## Facts Worth Knowing.

That Brummel, the Monroe street grocer, is again prepared to meet his numerous customers with a full line of choice groceries. You will find there nice maple sugar, maple syrup, fine rock candy drips and extra fine sugar syrup and N. O. molasses, buckwheat flour and a full line of farm-fresh goods, also the Danville Graham flour and Gristle. We carry a full line of canned goods, among others the well-known brand of Githens & Rexsner, E. B. Miller & Company's fine Penang spices, raisins, nuts, oranges, lemons, snuff, krusut, choice fresh roasted coffee, vegetables, butter and eggs and all that is to be found in a first-class grocery house at low prices. Convince yourself by calling at above place. No trouble to show goods.

## Do Not Forget

to try a bottle of Steketee's Cough Cure. You don't have to buy a box of pills with this remedy, for it acts as a mild physic. It is the largest and best cough cure in the market. Price 50c.

Buy your Cutters of A. R. Antisdel.

DR. A. K. INKINER, 1011 ST. ST. at Monroe House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Specialties: Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Catarrh of the Bladder, Neuritis, Sciatica, etc. Prescriptions prepared and dispensed at the above address. Call on or write to R. J. A. 1011 ST. ST., Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Curiosities of Trade.

The cheapening of merchandise is a remarkable feature of our commercial life. This is apparent in the prices at which Holiday Goods are offered by some of our leading stores. For instance for five cents you can buy a China Mug, Tin Cup, China Doll, Toy Watch, China Figure, Tin Toy on wheels, Savings Bank, Goblet, Salt Celler, Glass Plate, Nest Egg, Bisque Figure, China Vase, China Toy Pitcher, Rattle and Whistle, Buttonhole Bouquet Holder, Fringed Christmas Card, &c. &c.

For Ten Cents you can buy a China Cup and Saucer, Bohemian Vase 6, 7 or 8 inches high, Child's A B C Plate, Child's Picture Mug, China or Majolica Cream Pitcher, Large Glass Mug, Engraved Goblet, Fancy Tin Cup or Pail, Wooden Toy Pail, Whisk Broom, Majolica Begonia Leaf, Large Fringed Christmas Card, &c. &c.

For Twenty-Five Cents you can buy a Cologne Bottle, 1, 2, 3 or 4 oz., richly cut or decorated; 8 oz. cut Stopper Cologne, for covering with satin; Viaregrette Crystal Thermometer; Fancy Ink Bottle; Crystal Bouquet Holder; China Vase, with raised flowers; Toothpick Holder; Combs Bisque Figure; China Jewel Box; Bronze Match Box; Kiosk Ash Receiver; Bohemian Cologne Bottle; Powder Box; China Milk Pitcher; China Fruit Plate; China Fruit Basket in wire frame; Majolica Water Pitcher; Crumb Brush and Tray; Decorated Bread and Milk Set; Decorated Cup Saucer and Plate; handsome Bohemian Vase, 8, 9 or 10 inches high; Shells of Ocean.

For Fifty Cents you can buy a Cologne Bottle, 4, 5 or 6 oz., rich cut or engraved; Paper Weight; Fancy Pepper or Salt Bottle; Thermometer, on crystal stand; 1 doz. Majolica Individual Butters; Luminous Match Box; colored glass Water Jug; decorated China Pitcher; Large Motto Cup and Saucer; Moustache Cup and Saucer; fine Motto Mugs; Shaving Mug; Fruit Basket; Bisque Figure, 4 to 6 inches high; Majolica Teapot; Majolica Water Pitcher; Majolica Molasses Pitcher; Majolica Butter Dish; Bisque Figure, with Umbrella; Lava Smoking Set; Majolica Salad Bowl; Majolica Bread Plate.

The above prices are at H. Leonard & Sons, 16 Monroe street.

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For Boys, Gents and Misses in Kid, Cloth and Fur. Underwear in all grades. The best 40 thread. Wrappers and Drawers over shown. Ready Made Clothing for Men, Young Men, Boys and Children, in prices to suit the times. We continue to make shirts, to order from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Pants to order from \$3.00 to \$10.00. A PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.

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## Holiday Reductions.

We are Reducing the Prices of Goods in all Departments. We are not alone selling Qualities of Goods at Cost, but in some instances Below Cost.

READ THE PRICES.

Smoking Jackets. Dressing Gowns

Pick out any one that suits and take off 25 per cent. from the marked price.

\$40 Dressing Gowns, \$30. \$15 Smoking Jackets, \$11.25.  
\$25 Smoking Jackets, \$18.75. \$10 Smoking Jackets, 7.50.

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Is Being Greatly Sacrificed. We are taking off more than 25 per cent.

\$27.50 Scotch Cass. Suits, \$18.50.  
\$30.80 Fancy Cass. Suits, \$22.50.  
\$35.00 Worsted Suits, \$28.00.  
\$45.00 Imported Suits, \$35.00.  
\$30.00 Chinchilla Overcoats, \$22.50.  
\$45.00 Kersey Overcoats, \$32.00.  
\$5 Cassimere Pants, \$4.  
\$6.50 Cassimere Pants, \$5.00.  
\$7.50 Cassimere Pants, \$6.00.  
\$10.00 Cassimere Pants, \$7.50.  
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\$18 Worsted Suits, 14.85.  
\$22 Worsted Suits, 17.65.  
Overcoats at nearly half price.  
\$5 Chinchilla Overcoats, 2.85.  
\$7.50 Chinchilla Overcoats, 5.50.  
\$10 All Wool Cass. Overcoats, 7.55.  
\$15 Blue Cass. Overcoats, 11.75.  
\$18 Corkscrew Worsted, 11.75.  
\$22 Corkscrew Worsted, 14.85.  
\$25 Brown and Blue Kersey, 18.75.  
\$2.00 Boys' Grey and Black Overcoats, only 99c! 99c! 99c!

PRESENTS FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

Silk Handkerchief and Box, 50c. Mufflers, 75c to \$1.50. Silk Handkerchiefs, 75c to \$1.50. \$3.50 Silk Mufflers, \$2.50. Mufflers, 50c. Silk Suspenders, 50c to \$1.50.

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